GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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CONSTRUCTION OF RUNWAY AT NAGPUR AIRPORT
MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the runway of the Nagpur Airport is being upgraded to bear the weight of Boeing 747 aircraft;

(b) if so, the time by which this work is likely to be completed; and

(c) the time by which international flights are likely to be started from this airport and the countries proposed to be linked therewith?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) The present runway at Nagpur airport is suitable for operation of Boeing 747 type of aircraft. However, the apron and the taxitrack are being strengthened for handling B-747 type of aircraft.

(b) All these works are likely to be completed by August 2002.

(c) Airlines plan their operations on the basis of their judgement on commercial and operational viability. At present, no airline has projected the requirement to operate their international flights through Nagpur Airport.